

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 11 to 15 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, add new Claims 16 to 26, and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus comprising:

a reception unit constructed to receive ~~means which receives plural~~ content[[s]] data and content list data via a network, the content list data including information for specifying receivable content data on the receiving apparatus;

a content[[s]] processing unit ~~adapted~~ constructed ~~to processing means which processes the content[[s]] data received by the reception unit means to generate video and audio data;~~

a generating unit constructed to generate a content list based on the content list data received by the reception unit;

an output unit constructed to output ~~means which outputs the content list generated by the generating unit, and the video and audio data to a display apparatus; and~~

a control unit constructed to estimate ~~means which estimates a time until each of the plural contents the video and audio data becomes viewable, based on processing of the received content data, audio-visually enjoyable and controls the output means so as to output information on the estimated time in association with the corresponding plural contents data;~~

wherein generating unit generates the content list so as to display information as to the estimated time in relation to the information for specifying the content data.

2. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control unit means detects at least one of a first time required for a procedure for connecting to a distribution source of the content[[s]] data and a second time required for receiving a predetermined amount of the content[[s]] data, and

the generating unit generates controls the output means so as to output information as to at least one of the first time and the second time or a total time of the first time and the second time in relation to the information for specifying the content data.

3. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim [[1]] 2, wherein the control unit means compares the detected times with a predetermined threshold value₂ and

the generating unit generates the content list controls the output means so as to display a result of the comparison.

4. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the control unit means compares the detected times₂ with plural threshold values, which are different from each other.

5. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein the control unit means controls the reception unit means so as to sequentially execute processing for connection to a distribution destination of the respective content[[s]] data and detects the first time and the second time based upon the processing for connection.

6. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control unit means judges that reception is impossible in the case in which a time required for a procedure for connection to a distribution destination of the content[[s]] data has exceeded a predetermined time, and

the generating unit generates the content list including controls the output means to display information indicating to that effect the reception is impossible.

7. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control unit means judges that reception is impossible in the case in which a time required for a procedure for receiving a predetermined amount of the content[[s]] data has exceeded a predetermined time, and

the generating unit generates the content list including controls the output means to display information indicating to that effect the reception is impossible.

8. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reception unit means is capable of receiving N pieces of the content[[s]] data in parallel with each other, and the control unit means detects the time for the N pieces of the content[[s]] data in parallel with each other, which are received by the reception unit means in parallel with each other among the plural content[[s]] data.

9. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 8 ~~±~~,
wherein the generating unit generates the content list arranged so that
~~control means controls the output means so as to display the video data while changing an~~
order of display of ~~program~~ content names on the content list are displayed based on a
length of the detected time.

10. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 8,
wherein the reception unit means has a storage unit means which is capable
of storing a predetermined amount of the N pieces of the content~~[[s]]~~ data, respectively,
and the control unit means controls the reception unit means so as to store the
predetermined N pieces of the content~~[[s]]~~ data among the plural content~~[[s]]~~ data in the
storage unit means.

11. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A receiving method for a receiving apparatus, comprising the
steps of:
receiving content data and content list data via a network, the content list
data including information for specifying receivable content data on the receiving
apparatus;
processing the content data received by the receiving step, to generate video
and audio data;

generating a content list based on the content list data received in the receiving step;

outputting the generated content list the video and audio data to a display apparatus; and

estimating a time until the video and audio data becomes viewable, based on processing of the received content data,

wherein, in the generating step, the content list data is generated so as to display information as to the estimated time in relation to the information for specifying the content data.

17. (New) A receiving method according to claim 16,

wherein, in the estimating step, at least one of a first time required for a procedure for connecting to a distribution source of the content data and a second time required for receiving a predetermined amount of the content data is detected, and

in the generating step, information as to at least one of the first time and the second time or a total time of the first time and the second time is generated in relation to the information for specifying the content data.

18. (New) A receiving method according to claim 17, wherein, in the estimating step, the detected times are compared with a predetermined threshold value and the content list is generated so as to display a result of the comparison.

19. (New) A receiving method according to claim 18,

wherein, in the estimating step, the detected times are compared with plural threshold values, which are different from each other.

20. (New) A receiving method according to claim 17,

wherein, in the estimating step, the reception unit is controlled so as to execute processing for connection to a distribution destination of the content data and detects the first time and the second time based upon the processing for connection.

21. (New) A receiving method according to claim 16,

wherein, in the estimating step, it is judged that reception is impossible in the case in which a time required for a procedure for connection to a distribution destination of the content data has exceeded a predetermined time, and

in the generating step, the content list is generated to include information indicating that the reception is impossible.

22. (New) A receiving method according to claim 16,

wherein, in the estimating step, it is judged that reception is impossible in the case in which a time required for a procedure for receiving a predetermined amount of the content data has exceeded a predetermined time, and

in the generating step, the content list is generated to include information indicating that the reception is impossible.

23. (New) A receiving method according to claim 16,

wherein, in the receiving step, it is capable of receiving N pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, and the estimating step detects the time for the N pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, which are received in the receiving step in parallel with each other among the plural content data.

24. (New) A receiving method according to claim 23,

wherein, in the generating step, the content list is generated so as to be arranged in an order of display of content names on the content list, based on a length of the detected time.

25. (New) A receiving method according to claim 23,

wherein the receiving step comprises a storage step in which it is capable of storing a predetermined amount of the N pieces of the content data, respectively, and, in the estimating step, it is controlled to store the predetermined N pieces of the content data among the plural content data in a storage unit.

26. (New) A computer-readable storage medium on which is stored a computer-executable program for a receiving method executed by a receiving apparatus, the program comprising the steps of:

receiving content data and content list data via a network, the content list data including information for specifying receivable content data on the receiving apparatus;

processing the content data received by the receiving step, to generate video and audio data;

generating a content list based on the content list data received in the receiving step;

outputting the generated content list the video and audio data to a display apparatus; and

estimating a time until the video and audio data becomes viewable, based on processing of the received content data,

wherein, in the generating step, the content list data is generated so as to display information as to the estimated time in relation to the information for specifying the content data.